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LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE LAMOINE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
LAMOINE, MAINE

**NOTE: PUBLIC FORUM REGARDING REORGANIZATION AT 7:00 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Members Present: Faith Perkins, Chair; Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Christina Maguire-Harding
Members Late: None
Members Absent: Julie Tilden, Excused
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; James S. Boothby, Superintendent; Jenny Gott, School Health Coordinator
Others: Patty Wyshak, Cynthia Donaldson, Kathleen Rybarz

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9/10/07**

A motion was made by Christina Harding, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to accept the Minutes of 9/10/07 as amended as follows:** Under Item 8. D. add: *There will be a Public Forum regarding reorganization at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the regular meeting on October 1st.*

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

Patty Wyshak made comments regarding the playground and requested to be added to the agenda with her proposal.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Added Item 7.F. "Playground Proposal"

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – Faith Perkins gave an overview of recent meetings of the RPC Committee; reported the Selectmen would be holding a meeting regarding the development of the next fiscal year budget and would like the participation of school board members and central office; referenced the bill to create a special and private law, introduced by Representative Eaton, to allow towns involved with RSU 7 discussions to develop a

funding alternative funding formula for cost sharing. Faith summarized her comments by stating: "These are very busy times."

B . Administration

1. **Principal's Report** – A copy of Mr. Perkins's written report will be made a part of the official minutes. In addition, Mr. Perkins particularly addressed bus pick ups at school to alleviate numbers at the town hall; and reported on recent activities at the Pumpkin' Patch corn maze in Hancock.
2. **Superintendent's Report** - A copy of Superintendent Boothby's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.

C. Standing Committee Reports - None

- D. **Warrant Signatures** – Warrant #4 in the amount of \$35,852.56 was signed by the School Committee.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Renovation

Superintendent Boothby reported conversations with Oak Point Associates regarding the plan to bring the roof up to current building codes have provided an understanding that the necessary reinforcement of portions of each of the trusses could be completed from inside the building as opposed to removing the roof. Oak Point estimates this process would be substantially less expensive than removing the roof. A rough estimate in the neighborhood of \$350,000 in savings was indicated by Oak Point.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. School Health Grant Presentation: Jenny Gott

Jenny Gott introduced herself and provided her professional background and shared her experience as both a school nurse as well as the School Health Coordinator for Union 98. Jenny shared with the Board an overview of the plans and goals for the school health coordinator position. Jenny spoke to the work that has already been completed and the organization of necessary committees. Jenny has reviewed the required tobacco and wellness policies and will be coming to the Boards with recommendations for changes if any are required.

B. Update on Reorganization

Superintendent Boothby reported efforts continue on multiple fronts regarding reorganization. Meetings have been on going in both the proposed RSU 8 as well as the proposed RSU 7. As introduced in the Chair's report, a bill has been submitted by Representative Eaton to deal with the cost sharing formula in a potential RSU 7 relationship. This bill was suggested as a mechanism for communities to deal with the cost shifting that is occurring when the towns look to come together. If successful, the communities who are having discussions regarding the proposed RSU 7 would be able to develop a cost sharing formula different than the formula required by the Consolidation law. Currently, the law requires every RSU to use one cost sharing formula and are not allowed to use alternatives.

C. Feedback to School Union 98 RPC

The RSU 8 reorganization committee asked Lamoine to consider why they would like to join RSU 8 and what could be gained in the relationship? This question was asked in preparation for the upcoming RSU 8 meeting. The reorganization committee members from Lamoine and the Lamoine School Board Members are interested in exploring the opportunities that are available and asked what resources were available to gain insights. Possible thoughts included discussions with the curriculum director, principal, teachers and the Superintendent. Cynthia Donaldson asked the group to remember to consider throughout these conversations, that the school can still be connected to the RSU but should still be allowed to maintain their identity and integrity.

D. Discussion Regarding Budget Priorities

Val Perkins shared considerations for future budgets. (attached to the official minutes) Faith asked Val to meet with the teachers and report back on the their priorities. This item will be addressed on the November agenda.

E. Review Planning Data for Budget

This item was moved to November.

F. Discussion Regarding Playground Updates

Patty Wyshak presented a proposal/plan for renovations to the playground. Jenny Gott offered her services helping with identifying the State, Federal, and Insurance company requirements for playgrounds that will need to be

considered. Following a discussion, **a motion was made** by Christina Harding, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to support the concept of accepting playground equipment that meets the requirements of ADA and insurance.**

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Board Requests for Information

None

B. Board Comments

Nancy Sargent asked about the requirements of the Learning Results and how they are impacting the curriculum and teaching, and would like additional information.

Christina Harding asked about a correspondence received from Dick Fennelly last spring and whether or not there was a need to reply.

C. Future Agenda Items

- October 4th at 7:00 p.m. is the School Union #92/MSAD #26 Joint Board meeting at the Surry Elementary School.
- 8th Grade Trip
- Update on Curriculum Work: Susan Smith
- FY 09 Budget Priorities
- Renovation
- Tobacco Policy

D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Christina Harding at 6:55 p.m.

Attest: a true record

James S. Boothby, Secretary